A qualified professional initiates a legal hold based on the patient meeting specific criteria Patient no longer meets criteria for the hold and is discharged by treating The treating physician and the physician facility's legal counsel file a petition to extend the legal hold Washoe County Public Defender's Office (WCPDO) becomes involved Patient is interviewed by WCPDO staff Patient agrees to receive psychiatric Patient wants to contest care and legal case is continued the hold and be released Court-appointed doctors review the patient's chart and speak to relevant professionals Patient meets with court-appointed psychiatrist and psychologist Court doctors find Court doctors find patient meets the patient does not meet criteria for the hold criteria for the hold Patient requests a formal hearing Patient is discharged in front of a Judge to contest the hold Based on hearing testimony Based on hearing testimony, Judge determines that patient Judge determines that patient does not meet criteria for a hold meets criteria for the hold Patient is committed for up to 6 months

Procedure for Legal Holds